

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1102

(Reference to the Allen s/e amendment dated 3/10/16; 8:39 AM)

1 Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 8-103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 8-103. Who may adopt

5 A. Any adult resident of this state, whether married, unmarried or
6 legally separated is eligible to qualify to adopt children. A ~~husband and~~
7 ~~wife~~ MARRIED COUPLE may jointly adopt children.

8 B. Pursuant to rules adopted by the ~~division~~ DEPARTMENT, the ~~division~~
9 DEPARTMENT or adoption agency shall place a child in an adoptive home that
10 best meets the safety, social, emotional, physical and mental health needs of
11 the child. Other relevant factors for consideration, in no order of
12 preference, shall include:

13 1. The marital status, length and stability of the marital
14 relationship of the prospective adoptive parents.

15 2. Placement with the child's siblings pursuant to section 8-862.

16 3. Established relationships between the child and the prospective
17 adoptive family as described in section 8-862, including placement with a
18 grandparent or another member of the child's extended family including a
19 person or foster parent who has a significant relationship with the child.

20 4. The prospective adoptive family's ability to meet the child's
21 safety, social, emotional, physical and mental health needs and the ability
22 to financially provide for the child.

23 5. The wishes of the child who is twelve years of age or older.

1 6. The wishes of the child's birth parents unless the rights of the
2 parent have been terminated or the court has established a case plan of
3 severance and adoption.

4 7. The availability of relatives, the child's current or former foster
5 parents or other significant persons to provide support to the prospective
6 adoptive family and child.

7 C. If all relevant factors are equal and the choice is between a
8 married ~~man and woman~~ COUPLE certified to adopt and a single adult certified
9 to adopt, placement preference shall be with a married ~~man and woman~~ COUPLE.

10 D. In each adoption proceeding, the court shall make findings on the
11 record regarding the best interests of the child pursuant to law."

12 Rerumber to conform

13 Amend title to conform

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